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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Semi-Annual Reports of Intelligence Activities Requested by the President's Board

REFERENCE : Memo fr the President's Board to the DCI dtd 18 June 1956, subj: "Reports of Intelligence Operations"

1. This memorandum is in response to your request for our comments on the format and content of the semi-annual reports called for in the referenced memorandum.

2. It is our feeling that every effort should be made to change the effective dates of these reports from 1 May and 1 November as now proposed to 30 June and 31 December. All our accountings, budget estimates and normal administrative procedures are based on fiscal years ending 30 June. To attempt to compile the information requested for any other period would place an added burden on our personnel that would not appear warranted.

3. The personnel figures requested can be reported in broad terms of area and assignment. However, from our standpoint, such figures should be subject to concurrence by the Deputy Director (Plans) or your direction. It is my suggestion that we report our personnel figures by general world area, such as Europe, Middle East, Far East, or, if acceptable to the Board, in terms of departmental, [redacted] and overseas. 25X1A6A

4. A summary of costs for previous year, present year, and following year can be reported by the Budget Office and should be generally along the lines used for presentation to the Bureau of the Budget. However, the change of dates for these reports, as recommended in paragraph 3. above, is most important in this connection.

5. This Office has no comment on General Cassidy's second paragraph which requests the Director to assume the responsibility for reporting on the work of the IAC and the USCIB.

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6. With reference to the Inspector General's memorandum dated 20 June 1956 on this subject and the suggested outline attached thereto, I would agree with the IG's recommendation as to the reports to be supplied by the Comptroller and the Office of Security. However, I suggest that the report proposed for the Office of Personnel should be stated in much broader terms as outlined in paragraph 3. above.

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Acting Deputy Director
(Support)

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